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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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Plaintiff(s),

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Case No. 2:05-cr-80187-VAR-DAS

Valentina Maksimenko,

Defendant(s).

08cr170 Judge Kennelly Magistrate Judge Cox

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF PROBATIONER

TO: U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

The above entitled case has been transferred to your Court under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3605, authorizing transfer of jurisdiction of probationer. Enclosed is the Order of Transfer and certified copies of the docket sheet, Indictment, and Judgment.

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Dated: March 6, 2008

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit) CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:05-cr-80187-VAR-DAS-3 **Internal Use Only**

Case title: USA v. Maksimenko et al

Date Filed: 02/24/2005

Date Terminated:

07/05/2007

Assigned to: Honorable

Victoria A Roberts

Referred to: Honorable

Donald A Scheer

Defendant (3)

Valentina Maksimenko

TERMINATED:

07/05/2007

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN By

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a true copy of the original on file in this

Pending Counts

CONSPIRACY TO

Disposition

PROBATION: 2 YEARS

DEFRAUD THE UNITED **STATES (1)**

TO BE SERVED IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS; SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100.

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts

Disposition

None

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints

Disposition

None

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/06/2008	→ <u>186</u>	NOTICE transferring case to *NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS* as to Valentina Maksimenko. (JCre) (Entered: 03/06/2008)
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		District of Illinois as to Valentina Maksimenko (JCre) (Entered: 03/06/2008)
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06/12/2007	•	Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to Valentina Maksimenko: Sentencing set for 6/28/2007 11:00 AM before Honorable Victoria A RobertsAdjourned from 6/11/07 (CPin) (Entered: 06/12/2007)
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02/07/2006	3	Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings as to Valentina Maksimenko: Plea Hearing set for 2/14/2006 10:30 AM before Honorable Victoria A Roberts. (CPin,) (Entered: 02/07/2006)
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		STANDING ORDER as to Aleksander Maksimenko, Valentina Maksimenko Jury Trial set for 4/4/2006 09:00 AM before Honorable Victoria A Roberts. Motions due by 3/1/2006. Plea due by 1/24/2006. Signed by Honorable Victoria A Roberts. SEE IMAGE FOR ADDITIONAL DEADLINES(CPin,) (Entered: 01/12/2006)
01/12/2006	3 95	ORDER TO CONTINUE - Ends of Justice as to Valentina Maksimenko Plea due by 1/24/2006. Jury Trial set for 4/4/2006 09:00 AM before Honorable Victoria A Roberts. Signed by Honorable Victoria A Roberts. (CPin,) (Entered: 01/12/2006)
01/11/2006	≥ 94	STIPULATION Regarding Trial Date and Finding of Excludable Delay by USA as to Valentina Maksimenko. (Chutkow, Mark) (Entered: 01/11/2006)
10/31/2005	•	Attorney update in case as to Valentina Maksimenko. Attorney Cornelius Pitts for Valentina Maksimenko added. (THal,) (Entered: 01/11/2006)
10/31/2005	•	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Honorable Steven D Pepe: Arraignment as to Valentina Maksimenko (3) Count 1 held on 10/31/2005. Disposition: not guilty plea entered (Tape #: SDP 10/31/05) (Defendant Attorney: Cornelius Pitts) (AUSA: Mark Chutkow) (EBut,) (Entered: 11/14/2005)
10/31/2005	•	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Honorable Steven D Pepe: Initial Appearance as to Valentina Maksimenko. Bond Info: Valentina Maksimenko (3) 10,000 unsecured bond. (Tape

		#: SDP 10/31/05) (Defendant Attorney: Cornelius Pitts) (AUSA: Mark Chutkow) (EBut,) (Entered: 11/14/2005)
10/31/2005	3	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Honorable Victoria A Roberts: Plea Hearing not held as to Aleksander Maksimenko, Valentina Maksimenko Disposition: not held(Court Reporter: Janice Coleman) (Defendant Attorney: Cornelius Pitts) (AUSA: Lou DeBaca) (CPin,) (Entered: 11/04/2005)
10/31/2005	● <u>73</u>	Bond as to Valentina Maksimenko in the amount of \$10,000 Unsecured entered. (LHack,) (Entered: 11/03/2005)
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SECOND SUPERSEDING INFORMATION AS TO VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO AND ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

)CT 28

Count One
18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice)

At all times relevant to this Information:

1. Defendant VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO was associated by family ties to the owner/operators of "VMA/Beauty Search, Inc." (hereinafter, "BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS"), who smuggled forcign women into the United States, harbored them in apartments in Southeastern Michigan, and profited from their labor as exotic dancers, obtained through coercion and otherwise. Specifically, VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO was the mother of BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 2.

- 2. Defendant ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO was associated by family ties to the BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS, who smuggled foreign women into the United States, harbored them in apartments in Southeastern Michigan, and profited from their labor as exotic dancers, obtained through coercion and otherwise. Specifically, ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO was the wife of BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 2.
- 3. Defendants VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO and ANNA
 GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO benefitted from the earnings of the BEAUTY
 SEARCH PARTNERS' alien harboring scheme, obtaining, among other things,
 cars, clothing, cash, jewelry, and real property from the proceeds of the business.
- 4. "Y.G." was a Russian citizen who was illegally brought to the United States through Mexico by or on behalf of VMA/Beauty Search. Once in Southeastern Michigan, she was forced to work under the control of the BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS and for their economic benefit.
- 5. On or about February 15, 2005, BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS

 NOS. 1 and 3 were arrested and charged with the abuse of one of the women who they had smuggled into the United States and harbored for profit in Southeastern Michigan for use as an exotic dancer in their employ. The allegations against the BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS included the possession of a firearm and the use of numerous Eastern European dancers illegally in the United States.
 - 6. Following the arrests of BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS NOS. 1

and 3, defendants VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO, ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO, and another person collected money from dancer "Y.G.", representing the VMA/Beauty Search portion of her earnings that she was turning over to the company because of extortion and the BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS' forced labor scheme.

7. Following the arrests of BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS NO. 1 and 3, defendants VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO and ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO were aware of the continuing federal investigation into the men's activities as brokers of exotic dancers to strip clubs in Southeast Michigan, including but not limited to possible immigration violations in the course of the Beauty Search conspiracy.

Count One

- 8. The Introductory Allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-7 are realleged and incorporated herein.
- 9. Between on or about February 14, 2005, and May 2005, in the
 Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, defendants VALENTINA
 MAKSIMENKO and ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO, together with others,
 did knowingly and intentionally conspire, combine, confederate and agree, to
 commit an offense against the United States, as follows:
- a. to obstruct justice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3), through threats and corrupt persuasion, with the intent to

hinder, delay or prevent the communication of information to a federal law enforcement officer related to the commission of a federal offense – namely, Alien Harboring for Financial Gain, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324.

Overt Acts

- 10. On or about February 15, 2005, during a search of the residence owned by BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1 by federal immigration agents, ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO instructed "Y.G." to falsely tell the agents that she was GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO's masseuse, to prevent the agents from identifying "Y.G." as a potential witness in the Beauty Search investigation.
- 11. On or about February 26, 2005, VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO reported to BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1 that she and the other women could not locate dancer "Y.G."
- 12. On or about February 27, 2005, ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO reported to BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1 on the progress that she and others were making in their attempt to find "Y.G.", a dancer in the service of VMA/Beauty Search, and hide her until the criminal proceedings were over.
- 13. On or about February 27, 2005, VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO reported to BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1 on the progress that she, ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO, and others were making in their attempt to

find "Y.G.", a dancer in the service of VMA/Beauty Search, and hide her until the criminal proceedings were over.

- 14. In or about February 2005, ANNA GONIKMAN-STARCHENKO and others, at the direction of BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1, proposed to "Y.G" that she either go back to her home country or hide somewhere until the conclusion of the trial of the BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNERS, suggesting that she would suffer immigration consequences if she failed to follow this advice.
- 15. On or about March 10, 2005, VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO agreed to empty a bank account (thought not to have yet been located by federal agents) in the name of BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1.
- 16. On or about April 6, 2005, VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO agreed to destroy a ledger pertaining to VMA/Beauty Search's activities.
- 17. On a date unknown in the Spring of 2005, VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO reported to BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 1 on the progress of her attempts to have another person pose as BEAUTY SEARCH PARTNER NO. 2, including the false use of a social security number.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

Dated: October 28, 2005

STEPHEN J. MURPHY United States Attorney

BRADLEY J. SCHLOZMAN Acting Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

MARK CHUTKOW

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LUIS C. DEBACA

Special Litigation Counsel

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Criminal Case Cover Sheet

Case Number 05-80187

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Date		MARK CHUTKOW	mr. m

Companion cases are matters in which it appears that substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial or the same of related parties are prosent, and the cases arise out of the same ansaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.

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United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO

Case Number: 05CR80187-3

USM Number: None

Cornelius Pitts

Defendant's Attorney

FILED

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CLERK'S OFFICE U. S. DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN MICHIGAN

THE DEFENDANT:

Title & Section

Pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 of Second Superseding Information.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Nature of Offense

18 U.S.C.§ 371 Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice Offense Ended

Count

May 2005

1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 5 of this judgment. This sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this Office.

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

6/28/07 Date of Imposition of Judgment

a a. Roberto

Victoria A Roberts

United States District Judge

JUL - 5 2007

Date Signed

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Sheet 4- Probation

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DEFENDANT: VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO

CASE NUMBER: 05CR80187-3

PROBATION

The defendant is hereby sentenced to probation for a term of: 2 years. To be supervised in the Northern District of Illinois.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

If the defendant is convicted of a felony offense, DNA collection is required by Public Law 108-405.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of placement on probation and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court. Revocation of Probation is mandatory for possession of a controlled substance.

■ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report of the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer:
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer:
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court;
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement; and
- 14) the defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. Revocation of supervised release is mandatory for possession of a firearm.

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DEFENDANT: VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO

CASE NUMBER: 05CR80187-3

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION UNDER PROBATION

■ The defendant shall participate in the home confinement program for a period of 180 consecutive days The defendant will maintain a telephone at his/her place of residence without "call forwarding," a modern, "Caller ID," "call waiting," or portable cordless telephones for the above period. At the direction of the probation officer, the defendant shall wear an electronic monitoring device and follow electronic monitoring procedures as specified by the probation officer.

■ The cost of electronic monitoring is waived.

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Sheet 5 - Criminal Monetary Penalties

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DEFENDANT: VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

Assessment

Fine

Restitution

TOTALS:

\$ 100.00

\$ 0.00

\$ 0.00

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

Name of Payee

TOTALS:

Total Loss*

Restitution Priority or Ordered Percentage

\$ 0.00

\$ 0.00

^{*} Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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DEFENDANT: VALENTINA MAKSIMENKO

CASE NUMBER: 05CR80187-3

ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The Court waives the fine and costs of supervsion due to the defendant's inability to pay.